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## DRMO LARCENIES TRIAL ENDS IN CONVICTION

FORT BRAGG – A general court-martial sentenced Staff Sgt. Kim H. Carruthers to reduction to the lowest enlisted grade, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, confinement for a period of four years, and to be discharged from service with a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Staff Sgt. Carruthers was convicted of stealing military property from the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) on Fort Bragg. Staff Sgt. Carruthers's trial spanned the week of July 23-27, 2001. He was convicted of one charge of conspiracy to commit larceny and one charge of larceny with 11 specifications of theft of military property of a value of over \$100, between August 6, 1996, and April 19, 1999.

Charges may be filed in Federal District Court against civilian co-conspirators of Staff Sgt. Carruthers. No trial dates have been set in those cases.

Because of his conviction and discharge, Staff Sgt. Carruthers faces forfeiture of his military retirement after action by the General Court-Martial Convening Authority on the case. He had more than 20 years of service when he was convicted.